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In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 19, 2004, Applicants do not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. The claims are also allowable for other and independent reasons, including the reasons set forth in Applicants' prior communications.

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